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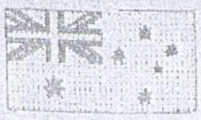

AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CONVERGENCE OF EAST TIMOR

(EAST TIMORESE WORKING FOR SELF DETERMINATION)

SWEDISH JOURNALIST MURDERED!

A NATIONAL CONVERGENCE SUPPORTER, JOAO CARRASCALAO TODAY SAID THAT THE RECENT MURDER OF A SWEDISH JOURNALIST IN WEST PAPUA/PAPUA NEW GUINEA WAS THE WORK OF AGENTS OF THE INDONESIAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

JOAO CARRASCALAO SAID THAT THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE INDONESIAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP MEDIA CLAMP ON WEST PAPUA TO PREVENT THE WORLD FROM SEEING THE ONGOING GENOCIDE OF THE WEST PAPUAN PEOPLE BY THE INDONESIAN MILITARY. A SIMILAR MEDIA CLAMP IS ALSO IN FORCE ON EAST TIMOR.

JOAO CARRASCALAO SAID THAT ANYONE WHO DID ANYTHING THAT CONFLICTED WITH THE INDONESIAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP WAS USUALLY MURDERED! AN ESTIMATED 200,000 EAST TIMORESE AND 100,000 WEST PAPUANS HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY THE INDONESIAN MILITARY DICTATORSHIP SINCE THE ANNEXATION OF EAST TIMOR AND WEST PAPUA.

JOAO CARRASCALAO CALLS FOR THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW JOURNALISTS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AID ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS FREE ACCESS TO WEST PAPUA AND EAST TIMOR AND CALLS FOR THE LIFTING OF THE CURRENT MEDIA CLAMP ON WEST PAPUA AND EAST TIMOR.

SENATOR VICKI BOURNE, THE AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS PARLIAMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESPERSON, SUPPORTS THE CALL FOR THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW JOURNALISTS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AID ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS FREE ACCESS TO WEST IRIAN AND EAST TIMOR, AND FOR THE LIFTING OF THE CURRENT MEDIA CLAMP ON WEST IRIAN AND EAST TIMOR.

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